

## Workshops

So far this year I have been to Grand Bay and St. Stephen and will be visiting St George's near the end of September. My e-mail address and phone number are at the top of the page if you would like a visit.

I recently received the following information. I forwarded it to my mailing list, but thought I should also include it here:

The New Brunswick Sunday School Conference announces the **2003 conference Energize Your Ministry with Doug Horley.** (Doug Horley produces some of the best contemporary children's music available including the CDs *Whoopah Wahey*, and *Lovely Jubbley*. One of his best known songs is the contemporary song *We Want to See Jesus Lifted High*.) Doug is from England.

### **October 24 & 25, 2003 at Moncton Wesleyan Church**

For Pastors, Sunday School Leaders and Teachers, Children & Youth Group Leaders, and those interested in education and family ministry.

#### **Schedule**

##### Friday

6:00 p.m. Registration & Exhibits  
7:00 p.m. Family Praise Party with Doug Horley  
9:00 p.m. Exhibits Open  
9:30 p.m. Exhibits Close

##### Saturday

9:00 a.m. Doug Horley  
10:00 a.m. Break  
10:30 a.m. Workshop 1  
11:45 a.m. Lunch (on your own) & Exhibits Open  
1:15 p.m. Workshop 2  
2:45 p.m. Promotion Give-A-Ways  
3:00 p.m. Doug Horley  
4:00 p.m. Exhibits Open  
4:30 p.m. Exhibits Close

Friday Evening is FREE and is open to everyone. Families are encouraged to attend together or churches can bring their children and youth groups.

Conference registrants won't want to miss this example of an inter-generational service. An offering will be taken to help with costs.

Conference Cost - \$25 (\$5 off if registration postmarked by Oct 14). Pastors attend free.

Workshops - Possible topics include Understanding Our Times, Building a Leader's Self-Esteem, Impact Teaching, Guiding a Child to Christ, Teaching With All Your Heart, Family Matters, Dare to Discipline, Small Group Ministry, Working With ADHD Kids, Creating Lessons, Vision, Teaching Youth, The Pastor & the Sunday School, Implementing Change, CE Resource Centres and more!

Try this **Tongue Twister** on your class: I thought of thinking of thanking you.

## More Resource Centre Stuff

In addition to the new videos I mentioned in the last newsletter, the Resource Centre now has 4 of Patricia Bay's Anglican Learning Centres in kit form. A number of appropriate children's books have been included in each kit and some books of background information for teachers. There are also additional craft ideas and, in some cases, suggestions for suitable music. These kits would be suitable for a (roughly) 4 week teaching series, and activities could be adapted for different ages. The subjects are taught from an Anglican perspective and are useful additions to curriculum which is not. They are The Church Building, All Saints, Baptism and The Eucharist. Call Gwen or Cathy at 693-2295 or e-mail <angbk@nbnet.nb.ca> to inquire about borrowing.

## Advent and Christmas

It is not too early to start thinking about this. Last year I taught several workshops on Advent and Christmas ideas. There is too much material to include in a newsletter, but if you would like a package of some of the ideas included in that workshop, please call or e-mail me (see above). If you would like your own workshop, do the same!

## Thanks Banks

This idea comes from 52 Ways to Teach Children to Pray, an excellent resource. ISBN 0-937282-62-6. It would make a good Thanksgiving activity. Read and explain the verse, "O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people." (Psalm 105:1) Use cardboard wrapping paper cylinders of the bigger kind. Each child needs a three inch piece of tube. Have them tape over both ends of their tube with construction paper, and cut a 1" slit in one end. Then decorate the tube with stickers or colour with markers. Next give each child several 1" X 2" pieces of plain white paper and ask them to write "Thank you, God" on each one. Tell them that every time they remember to thank God for something during the week, they should write what it is on the back of a slip and put it in their tube. Bring the tubes to class the following week to share what God has done. This activity could be continued every week, but you will need to supply extra construction paper to replace the end that has to be removed to get the slips out, and more slips.